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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as shown below:

1. (Amended) A method of minimizing contamination of optical components of a laser, the components being located in an gaseous atmosphere within enclosure, the gaseous atmosphere capable of containing contaminants including water vapor, organic vapor, and suspended particulate matter, the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) extracting gas from the atmosphere within the enclosure;
- (ii) passing the extracted gas through a first medium selected to reduce the water vapor content thereof;
- (iii) following step (ii), passing the extracted gas through a second medium selected to reduce the organic vapor content thereof;
- (iv) following step (iii) passing the extracted gas through a filter selected to reduce the particulate matter content thereof;

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